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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, December, 20.
We are glad to say that all continues quiet in Wuchow. Rumours are quite sufficient to disturb us without anything worse. The last few days there have been more settled than for some time, the surrounding districts are, however, in a dreadful state, and in many of the villages it must be a veritable reign of terror. At Lung Tsan, about 20 miles from Wuchow, one of Messrs Banker's motor boats was attacked by pirates. The pilot was shot in the leg and severely injured, with the result that he lost control of his ship which got on the rocks and is now badly submerged. There were a number of Chinese foreign drilled soldiers on board who gave chase to the pirates and killed about eight of them. The British gunboat Robin is standing by the injured boat.

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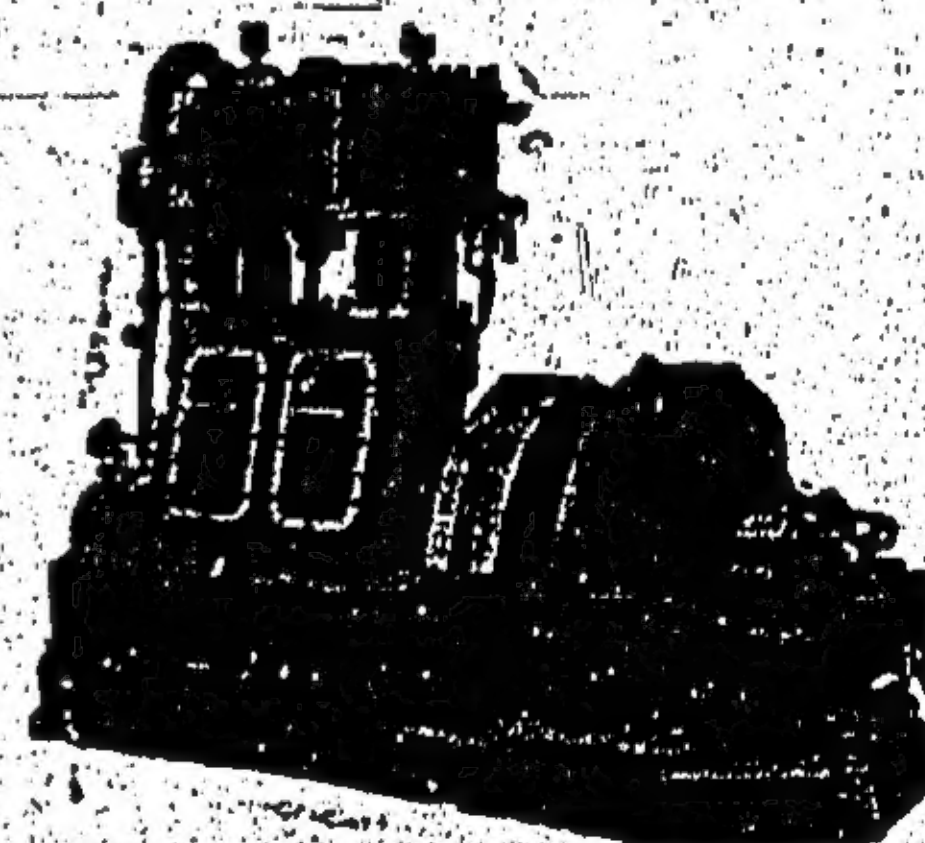
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the Christmas message ringing upon straining ears, and with the probable surging up of the joyous optimism which the occurrence of the great festival should bring in its train, we cannot bring ourselves to write that it is thus with the world. Perhaps it is that our courage is at a lower ebb, that our faith is temporarily dampened, and our vision obscured through having been brought into close personal contact of late with the industrial and social troubles in England and with the revolution in China. It may be so.

At any rate the Christmas message should come this year to many of us with an added impressiveness. It reminds us how very far we are to-day from realising the ideals of Christmas; how very far short we have fallen in any attempt we ever made to realise them. At the same time we hold that it is well for the world that this all embracing festival should be observed as a red letter day in the calendar, for it gives us an opportunity to review the situation as a whole, enables us to call to halt, even if nothing else, the influences which lead to disintegration of faith, hope and charity in the individual as well as in the mass, and to summon back into the forefront of our thoughts those principles and mainstays of action which tend to the betterment of the world singly and collectively. We would therefore, despite all the forebodings engendered by the circumstances of the time, like to end this evening upon this note and say with the poet of an earlier generation,

Back into night, ye leading powers of dark!
A brighter dawn is breaking in the sky,
A better faith is bringing in the morn,
A larger light is bringing in the day.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1911.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Before the *China Mail* is again issued from the press the great festival of Christmas will have come and gone. Here in this distant outpost of the British Empire it will be celebrated much as usual by the exiles who have made this Colony their home or who but use it as a place of temporary sojourn. As far as possible the customs of the old country will be followed: the churches will be thronged with reverent worshippers, who will thrill half in pain, half in pleasure, as the old familiar hymns and carols are sung; hospitality will be extended with lavish hand, and thought will be given to those who through the accidents or misfortunes of life have not come out of the struggle so well as some of their neighbours.

The festival of peace and brotherhood falls this year with the world in a very distressed condition and for many thousands we fear the Christmas message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," will sound a rather hollow mockery. In some respects a golden year, a year of jubilee, with the Coronation of King George as the central pageant, it has been for many a year of great storm and stress. Capital and labour have come to grips more than once in the British Isles, and much unmerited suffering has been inflicted in consequence of bitterly fought-out strikes. Indeed, to-day's telegrams indicate that in the industrial centres of England and Scotland it is likely, owing to labour troubles, to be a "black Christmas." In the basin of the Mediterranean, Italy and Turkey are to-day fighting for the possession of Tripoli; in Asia it looks as though the storm so long brewing in Persia is about to break; while the ultimate outcome of the upheaval in China no man at the moment can foretell. The world's cup of misery has indeed been brimming over of late through man's inhumanity to man, and it would be well if we could say that the worst has been reached and that brighter times now lie ahead. But even with

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Little Chinese boys were playing cricket on "fresh site" to-day. A stone block constituted the cricket.

The inviolable and later types of similar ships, now known as cruiser-battle-ships, are to be renamed "battle-cruisers."

Tenders are being invited for erecting granite piers and iron railings in Royal Square. No work is to be permitted on Sundays.

The Mocklenburg Diet has imposed on bachelors, who are not liable to provide for relatives, taxes 25 per cent. above those which husbands have to pay.

To-day the Chinese have been celebrating the festival of the Winter Solstice, or, as it is popularly known at the Treaty ports, "Chinese Christmas."

The services at St John's Cathedral on Christmas Day begin with Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. (choral), with Matins at 11 a.m., preacher, the Bishop of Victoria.

Inside a codfish weighing about 50 lbs. a housekeeper at the Queenstown Constabulary Barracks, the other day found a purse of leather, steel bound, containing a number of silver coins of the reign of Queen Victoria. Some inscribed paper in the purse was in a state of pulp, and could not be deciphered.

Yesterday a salt junk which arrived at Yau-mai reported to the police there that while in Chinese waters at Ping Ho, near Swatow, four boatloads of pirates, numbering about 60 men, came alongside, fired at the crew, killing one man, and then came on board, and ransacked the craft. They took all they could lay hands on and then made off.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Several local people are mentioned in our list of "Passengers Expected."

Having left the Colony, Gunner R. B. Beattie has been permitted to resign from the Artillery Company of the Hongkong Volunteers.

Recent recruits to the Scouts Company of the Hongkong Volunteers are Messrs. S. B. R. McElderry, G. R. Sayer and N. L. Smith.

Lt. Col. J. M. Irwin, R.A.M.C., has been appointed to the Straits Settlements in relief of Col. H. J. Barratt, A.M.S., recently promoted to that rank.

The *B. N. Herald* is having rather a bad struggle with Tang Shao-yi's name. In one place it calls him Tan-shay and later in the same column Tan-shi.

It is reported from the Colonial Secretary's Department that Mr. R. E. Lindell and Mr. S. B. McElderry, cadets, have passed their final examinations in Canton.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison has been appointed to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police, superintending the establishment, and Commander Beckwith, R.N., has been appointed to assist Mr. R. O. Hutchison in the discharge of the duties of Supt. of Imports and Exports.

Mr. W. S. Young Riddell has been appointed Government Labour Commissioner for British North Borneo. Mr. Riddell will be engaged in Hongkong to make all necessary arrangements for recruiting labourers to work on the estates in North Borneo, or for the Government; for providing depots in Hongkong or elsewhere in China for housing labourers; and for shipping the labourers to British North Borneo and landing them there. Hongkong authorities have given official notice that no coolie broking agents will be permitted to contract labourers for B. N. Borneo for more than 300 days, after 15th March.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

A statement of the approximate traffic on the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway for the month of October shows that the total takings for local traffic were \$9,443.02, made up of coaching \$8,081.40; goods \$332.35; miscellaneous \$1,010.16. For through traffic the total receipts were \$7,518.31, composed of \$7,342.02 coaching; \$240.55 goods; and \$135.74 miscellaneous. The number of passengers booked for local traffic was 6,397, and for through traffic 32,082.

Since the opening of the section up to the end of October the total takings have been \$150,185.61.

A DIRE THREAT.

We have heard a good deal about the progressiveness of Kung Yik, the new town which Chinese from America built about five years or so ago. Lately the rifts have been looking worse and otherwise making themselves at home with the possessions of other people. This lawlessness to some extent was suppressed by the local police, but something like order was again restored. Meanwhile, the brigades have issued a manifesto. They tell the people that if they are molested by the police and harried by the soldiers, they will join forces and raise the town of Kung Yik to the ground, making a level field of it as it was before. A trick was brought into the district. This threat had caused some amount of consternation, for the people would not be able to stop the brigades if they decided to be avenged in this summary and tragic way.

RAMBLING NOTES.

I can hardly realise that Christmas is really upon us. But the plethora of state of the shop windows, the month-old Christmas Numbers, and above all the arrival of the Christmas Mail from England, with its plum puddings and mince pies, are sufficient evidence that the glad season is here. Well, I hope all my readers will thoroughly enjoy the great festival, and in the words of the time-honoured toast, "May digestion wait on appetite and health on both."

I quite agree with Mr. Clement that the time is ripe for a change in the Colony's badge. Anything more inartistic than the design that has so long done duty could hardly be conceived. Of course it was evolved in those dark ages which we now know as the early Victorian. Hence the figures on the badge and the samples of merchandise. For in those days men in England still thought that trade in foreign countries was always conducted close to the water's edge and on the system of exchange and barter, while their ideas of Chinese landscape were principally drawn from the willow-petard plate.

The new badge should, I think, meet with general approval. It is artistic, appropriate, and has just that literary touch about it which makes the design eminently fitting as an emblem of a British colony situated just outside the confines of the Chinese empire.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has come and gone—Shanghai—perhaps will find him more loquacious than did the Hongkong journalists who tried to interview the great reformer. To begin with he will find himself amid congenial surroundings, for in the northern port are gathered all the leading republicans of China. And that same republican party seems to be growing in strength daily and at the time of writing it looks very much as if the prognostications of a Peking correspondent at the outset of the revolution will be borne out—that the struggle will really be between the royalist north and a republican south. Yuan Shih-kai says he won't concede a republic; the Cantonese say they will have a republic or nothing.

Altogether it looks as though the peace conference will not achieve much, for unless one side or the other gives way, the question will have to be fought out by the military and not by the diplomats. It will be a thousand pities if some sort of a compromise is not arrived at. For what with the famine in Central China, and the brigandage that is now proceeding on wholesale lines throughout the empire, prospects in China look particularly dismal at present. The only consolation is that it is always darkest before the dawn and perhaps we are really closer to better times than we wot of.

But whether China goes in for a republic or a limited constitutional monarchy, one thing she does badly want and must have, and that is a strong man. The forces of disorder have quite got out of hand down in the South since the old Government organization was cast into the melting-pot and the tales which reach me from all quarters are very dreadful. Death stalks through the land at all times, but to-day he is reaping a bigger harvest than usual, and mostly through the instrumentality of informers or men bent on private revenge.

But I have given enough space to these gloomy topics. Is not Christmas here? Of course it is, as the following comes in appropriate. Little Tommy— "I was awake when Santa Claus came, dad. Father— "Were you? And what was he like, eh?" Little Tom— "Oh, I couldn't see him—he was dark, you know. But when he bumped himself on the washstand he said— 'Father (quickly)— 'There, that'll do, Tommy. Get on with your mince-pie."

And of course it was due to the merry festive season that the husband arrived home much later than usual. "From the office," he took off his boots and stole into the bedroom, but, vain precaution, his wife began to snore. Quickly the panic-stricken man went to the end of his first-born and began to rock it vigorously. "What are you doing there, Robert?" queried his wife. "I've been sitting here for nearly two hours trying to get this baby asleep," he growled. "Why, Robert, I've got him here in bed with me," said the spouse.

Devotees of that noble animal, yelpo, a race-pony, are already gathering these early mornings at the Happy Valley to discuss hot coffee and mildly disparage each other's mokes. It is mighty cold down there, I believe, but as I have once turned up myself at that hour—for I believe in the world being well stirred before I move abroad—I can not vouch for the state of the thermometer. But it must be conducive to health and the making of self-drying resolutions this early rising so I will recommend it to all my young and ardent friends. Horse racing is one of the oldest sports under the sun. Have you not heard the story of a meeting of learned Assyriologists in London, Berlin, or somewhere, who once were greatly puzzled. They had evolved a complete key to some cuneiform inscriptions, and had read all of the tablets except one. It baffled all their efforts. At this juncture an ordinary looking man appeared and offered to try to decipher the tablet. Did any help, they begged him to try it. 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S. HIROL, Manager.

Hongkong, December 10, 1911.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENOLUCH.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDELBURG, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Harbours of Rotterdam, Antwerp, and London. Claims for loss or damage to the Goods will be admitted after the Goods have been landed in the Godowns, and will be subject to the 24th inst. will be subject to the 24th inst.

All Claims against the steamers must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 5th prox., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1911.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP CORDONNET.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or Antwerp are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Harbours of London, Antwerp, and Rotterdam. Claims for loss or damage to the Goods will be admitted after the Goods have been landed in the Godowns, and will be subject to the 24th inst. will be subject to the 24th inst.

All Claims against the steamers must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 5th prox., or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1911.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship HIRANO MARU, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Harbours of Hongkong, and will be subject to the 24th inst. will be subject to the 24th inst.

All Claims against the steamers must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 5th prox., or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1911.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

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Captain MEXER, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Harbours of Hongkong, and will be subject to the 24th inst. will be subject to the 24th inst.

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LOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers	Tons	Due	Due
to			from		at	at
Colombo			Marseilles and London		Brindisi	Portsmouth
					2 days earlier	1 day later
ASAYE	7000	Feb. 3	NANTUA	11000	March 2	March 8
HIMALAYA	7000	Feb. 17	MACEDONIA	10500	March 18	March 22
DELHI	8000	March 3	MOREA	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA	8000	March 17	Through Steamers		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA	8000	March 30	MOULAVIA	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MILOA	12000	May 11	May 17
ASAYE	7000	April 27	YONGOLIA	10000	May 25	May 31
DELHI	8000	May 11	MAIWA	11000	June 4	June 10

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SUBIA	6000	April 5	May 17
GUMATRA	5000	April 17	May 31
PALAU	7000	May 1	June 14
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BORNEO	5000	May 29	July 13
SYRIA	7000	June 12	July 26
WORK	7000	June 26	August 10

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For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	To Sail
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TOKKIN	CHARBONNEL	Jan. 1, about 6 P.M.
MARSEILLES, Via Ports	AUSTRALIAN	ALLAND	Jan. 2, about 1 P.M.

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STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
SHANTAN	Capt. J. S. Rogers	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 11 A.M.
SHANCHING	Capt. W. C. Farnmore	TUESDAY, 26th Dec., at 11 A.M.
SHIYANG	Capt. J. W. Evans	THURSDAY, 28th Dec., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

HAIMUN Capt. A. H. Stewart WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at 11 A.M.
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PHILIPPINE STEAMSHIP Co.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
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SAFRO	4,000	M. D. Smith	Manila, Mampin, Hilo & Cebu	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 4 P.M.

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RYGJA	8,000		20th December.

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NEXT SAILING:
From HONGKONG. 28th December.
From COLOMBO. 17th January.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1911.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:
FROM HONGKONG. 28th December.
FROM CALCUTTA. 2nd January.

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For	STEAMERS	Tons	To Sail
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN.	KLEIST, Capt. L. Meiss.	115,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	BUELOW, Capt. H. Farnes.	16,000	About THURSDAY, 28th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, SAMAR, PRINZ SIEGMUND, BAL, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.	Capt. D. Leck.	6,000	10 A.M. SATURDAY, 30th Dec.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. H. Bremer.	76,100	About TUESDAY, 9th Jan.
KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.	BORNEO, Capt. F. Semblitt.	6,000	Middle of January.

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Hongkong, September 1, 1911.

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MAIL SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	Dec. 29.	Jan. 6th, at Noon.
ST. ALBANS	Jan. 12.	Feb. 3rd, at Noon.
EASTERN	Feb. 0.	Mar. 2nd, at Noon.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
FROM EUROPE

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Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given 10 days before the date of sailing. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chipped and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 23rd inst. at 9.30 A.M.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case where the Goods are not insured by the Consignee.
This steamer brings on cargo—
K.S.S. Film from Shanghai.
K.S.S. Paraffin from Singapore.
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE
Hankow Office.
Hongkong, December 20, 1911.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

THE Steamship
TENYO MARU.
The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.
Cargo remaining undelivered on the 2nd inst. at 5 p.m. will be subject to Consignee's risk and expense and must then be taken from Company's Godown.
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on the 2nd inst. at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent and landing charges.
All chaff and other damaged Cargo to be left on board or in Godown, and examination of same to be arranged on Friday, January 5th, 1912, at 10 a.m. All claims must be filed on or before Friday, January 5th, 1912, at 10 a.m. Claims will not be recognized.
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Hongkong, December 23, 1911 1856

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Hors d'Oeuvre.

SOUP:

Potage à la Reine.

POISSON:

Filet de Sole-Rouille Sauce Cardinal.

ENTREE:

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Callos glacés aux Fonds d'Artichauts.

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Dinde Rôtie Truffée: Salade de Celeris.

Choux Fleur au gratin.

ENTREMET:

Plum Pudding.

Mousse aux Fraises. Gâteau Paradi.

DESSERTS:

Fruits. Café.

Hongkong, December 23, 1911. 1867

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Singapore, British str. 1, 1917, F. Jamieson.

Haiphong, Dec. 19, and Hobe 21, General

and Catic. - BRITISH STR.

Quinta, German str. 500, Schleiering.

Bangkok Dec. 23, Ritz. - STEAMSHIP

Company.

December 23.

Haiphong, British steamer, 1, 1917, W. O.

Passmore, P. H. and Swatow

Dec. 23, General. - DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP

Co., Ltd.

Cebu, British steamer, 4, 278, J. Watt

Walker, Shanghai December 20, General.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Baron Belfour, British str. 2, 552, G. L.

Symond, from New York, Karoline Oil.

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Chiovia, German str. 1, 025, J. Brach.

Bangkok and Hobe Dec. 22, General.

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December 23.

Derwent, British str. 1, 560, J. Jenkins.

Saigon Dec. 19, General. - CHINA

NAVY.

Bombay Maru, Japanese str. 3, 854, J.

Noma, Moji Dec. 18, General. - N. Y. K.

Tokyo.

Tokyo, French steamer, 691, Grillon.

Karatu Dec. 17, Coal. - ORIENT

NAVY.

DEPARTURES.

December 23.

Himalaya, for Singapore and Bombay.

Onam, for Canton.

Hopang, for Hongkong.

Katani Maru, for Singapore and Antwerp.

Yamaguchi, for Manila and Iloilo.

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